Resignation and transfer Of executives of oil, Duliajan

31. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA;

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH: HANSPAL;

SHRI D B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to iefer to the answer to unstarred question 1534 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th May, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Executives of Oil India Limited have resigned and that a number of others have sought transfers from Oil India Limited, Duliajan during the last 2 years;

(b) if so, how many Excutives have resigned till date and how many sought their transfer from Duliajan;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Gvernment in the matter as also for streamlining the functioning of oll India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) During 1986-87 and 1987-88 (upto June, 87) 42 execu-tises have resined and about 300 executives of OIL have sought transteis by way of postings elsewhere depit-ption etc.

(c) the reasons for above may be a desire for a change in location improving career prospects, other personal reasons, besides agitational etmosphere prevailing in Oil's area of operation.

(d) Various issues have been taken up with the State Government by the Central Government from time to time.

Hike in price of slack wax

32. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA**:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be j pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of slack wax was recently hiked without corresponding increase in the price of paraffin wax;

(b) whether Government propose to import paraffin wax on a large scale in the face of excess indigenous capacity and in spite of thousands of tonnes of unsold paraffin wax lying in the country;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is its likely impact on the paraffin wax units in the country and how does Government propose to save these units from closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) With effect from 1-10-1986 the price of slack wax ex-Haldia was reduced substantially while the prices ex-Barauni and ex-Madras were increased. Subsequently the prices have been reduced ex-Barauni, ex-Haldia, ex-Madras **w.e.f.** 1.2.1987.

(b) to (d) The import of paraffin wax is allowed only in respect of certain grades of paraffin wax in short supply. The should not have any adverse impact on the units processing slack was as they produce different grades of wax from the ones being imported.

Progress in *the* construction of HBJ Pipeline

33. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in the construction of the Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur pipeline and what is the scheduled date of the completion;